New Railway Station at Nedumbasseri

3647. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a new railway station at Nedumbasseri near Cochin International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. A new railway Station at Nedumbasseri near Cochin is not considered necessary at this stage. If and when a proposal is made, then it will be given due consideration.

Sub-urban trains between Bolarum and Umdanagar

3648. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to run direct sub-urban trains from Bolarum to Umdanagar and back;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the services are likely to be introduced;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Eight pairs of direct Sub-urban trains between Bolaram-Falaknuma-Umdanagar have been provided from 11.6.2001.

Broad gauge rail lines in industrially backward States

3649. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to lay broad gauge rail lines in the industrially backward districts in States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.